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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PIN, PGOV, IN  
SUBJ: STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS: JANATA BUILDING UP  
SOLID MAJORITIES IN MOST STATES

1. AS OF 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME, JANATA APPEARS TO BE  
WELL ON ITS WAY TO CPATURING MOST OF THE ASSEMBLIES IN  
THE TEN STATES WHICH WENT TO THE POLLS JUNE 10-14.  
RESULTS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE AND SOME STATES HAVE  
REPORTED ONLY LIMITED RETURNS. HOWEVER, EVEN WITH  
RESULTS STILL COMING IN, JANATA HAS WON A THREE-QUARTERS  
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MAJORITY IN RAJASTHAN, A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN HARYANA  
AND A CLEAR MAJORITY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH. IN THE PUNJAB,  
THE JANATA/AKALI DAL/CPM ALLIANCE HAS PICKED UP 75  
PERCENT OF THE SEATS, WHILE JANATA ON ITS OWN HAS  
SECURED BETTER THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITIES IN THE DELHI  
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. IF THE  
CURRENT TREND CONTINUES, JANATA APPEARS LIKELY TO WIN

"COMFORTABLE" MAJORITIES IN MADHYA PRADESH, ORISSA AND UP AS WELL. THE RESULTS FROM BIHAR ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE ANY PROJECTIONS AT THIS TIME. THE AIADMK IS BUILDING UP A COMMANDING LEAD IN TAMIL NADU AND THE CPM AND ITS LEFT FRONT ALLIES ARE DOING LIKEWISE IN WEST BENGAL. CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE HEADED FOR A ROUT IN UP, HAVING WON ONLY THREE OF THE 62 CONTESTS DECLARED SO FAR. STATE BY STATE BREAKDOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME FOLLOWS:

A. BIHAR (324 SEATS, 36 CONTESTS DECLARED):  
JANATA 16, CONGRESS 13, CPI 6, OTHER PARTIES ONE.

B. HARYANA (90 SEATS, 90 DECLARED): JANATA 64,  
CONGRESS 3, OTHER PARTIES 3, INDEPENDENTS 6.

C. HIMACHAL PRADESH (68 SEATS, 51 DECLARED):  
JANATA 38, CONGRESS 8, INDEPENDENTS 5.

D. MADHYA PRADESH (EWP SEATS, 178 DECLARED):  
JANATA 132, CONGRESS 41, INDEPENDENTS 5.

E. ORISSA (147 SEATS, 86 DECLARED): JANATA 65,  
CONGRESS 14, CPI ONE, CPM ONE, INDEPENDENTS 5.

F. PUNJAB (117 SEATS, 115 DECLARED): JANATA 224,  
AKALI DAL 58, CPM 8, CONGRESS 16, CPI 7, INDEPENDENTS 2.

G. RAJASTHAN (200 SEATS, 198 DECLARED): JANATA 149,  
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CONGRESS 41, CPI ONE, CPM ONE, INDEPENDENTS 6.

H. TAMIL NADU (234 SEATS, 90 DECLARED): AIADMK  
73, DMK 17, CONGRESS 15, CPM 7, JANATA THREE, CPI  
THREE, INDEPENDENTS TWO.

I. UP (425 SEATS, 62 DECLARED): JANATA 57,  
CONGRESS THREE, CPI ONE, INDEPENDENT ONE.

J. WEST BENGAL (294 SEATS, 91 DECLARED): CPM 52,  
LEFT FRONT PARTIES 15, JANATA 1, CONGRESS ONE, CPI  
ONE, INDEPENDENTS NINE.

2. AMONG INDIVIDUAL BIG NAME CANDIDATES, ONE OF THE  
MORE RESOUNDING VICTORIES WAS SCORED BY FORMER ORISSA  
CHIEF MINISTER AND CFD FOUNDING MEMBER MRS NANDINI  
SATPATHY, DEFEATING HER INDEPENDENT OPPONENT (WHO HAD  
THE BACKING OF J.P. NARAYAN AND STEEL MINISTER BIJU  
PATNAIK, A JANATA POWER IN THE STATE) BY 28,000 VOTES.

THE FORMER CONGRESS CHIEF MINISTERS OF BIHAR, HIMACHUJ PRADESH AND RAJASTHAN WON THEIR CONTESTS, WHILE FORMER CHIEF MINISTERS B.D. GUPTA AND S.C. SHUKLA WERE DEFEATED IN HARYANA AND MADHYA PRADESH RESPECTIVELY. ONE SURPRISING VICTORY WAS THAT OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER BANSI LAL'S SON, SURENDER SINGH, WHO WON AS AN INDEPENDENT IN HARYANA. BANSI LAL HAD CAMPAIGNED FOR HIS SON. IN THE PUNJAB, AKALI LEADER PRAKASH SINGH BADAL, WHO HAD RESIGNED AS AGRICULTURE MINISTER IN THE DESAI CABINET, EASILY WON A SEAT AND IS WIDELY EXPECTED TO BECOME THE CHIEF MINISTER.

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3. ALTHOUGH RESULTS ARE FAR FROM COMPLETE, IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT JANATA "REBELS" AND INDEPENDENTS HAVE NOT EXERTED THE DRAWING POWER THAT SOME OBSERVERS WERE PREDICTING. THUS FAR, RELATIVELY FEW HAVE BEEN ELECTED.

4. JANATA LEADERS WERE QUICK TO PREDICT A SWEEPING

VICTORY AS THE FIRST RETURNS BEGAN TRICKLING IN.  
CALLING IT A PEOPLE'S VICTORY, PARTY PRESIDENT CHANDRA  
SHEKHAR DECLARED THAT THE RESULTS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE  
JANATA "WAVE" WAS STRONG AS EVER. HOME MINISTER  
CHARAN SINGH TOLD THE RAJYA SABHA LATE ON JUNE 14 THAT  
THE EARLY RETURNS HAD VINDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S  
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DECISION TO DISSOLVE THE NINE STATE ASSEMBLIES AND  
CALL FRESH ELECTIONS, SINCE THEIR CONGRESS GOVERNMENTS  
HAD CLEARLY LOST THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE.

5. SOME NEWSPAPERS ARE SPECULATING THAT IF THE PRESENT  
TREND CONTINUES, THE JANATA SHOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE  
ENOUGH SEATS TO ENSURE THE VICTORY OF ITS CANDIDATE IN  
THIS SUMMER'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

6. MORE COMPLETE RESULTS AND EMBASSY/CONGEN ASSESS-  
MENT OF THE OUTCOME WILL FOLLOW IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES.  
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